

NPM RAPID CITY CHAPTER WINTER NEWSLETTER



Schedule for the NPM meeting at: St. Isaac Jogues in Rapid City on
Saturday, January 27, 2018.

- 9:30-10:00 Registration and Hospitality
 10:00-10:20 Welcome and Morning Prayer
 10:20-11:20 "Successful Approaches to Music Ministry in a Bilingual and Multicultural Environment" by Maria Munoz and Toni Wilkins
 11:20- 12:15 "Demonstrating the New National NPM Website in Real Time" by Jackie Schnittgrund
 12:15-12:45 Lunch
 12:45-1:15 Business meeting (to include selection of 4-5 bilingual songs NPM is encouraging every parish in the diocese to know).
 1:15-1:35 "Sage on Stage" with Barry Furze
 1:35-2:35 "Compiling, Formatting, and Publishing Worship Aids with Copyright Permission" by Amber Larsen
 2:35-2:45 Closing Prayer



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2017 NPM Recognition & Awards

25 Years of Service

Phoebe Lemke, Linda Dahlgren, Jim Keller and Barb Gross

40 Years of Service

Margaret Lindskov, Carlotta Aberle, Gerilynn Hahne, Colleen Keller, Marlene Biegler and Sheila Schweitzer

50 Years of Service

Joan Bachmeier

Emerging Youth Music Minister Award

Kaleb Wilkening

Emerging Music Minister Award

Rob Danielson

Peggy Langenfeld Award

Jessica Hicks

St. Cecilia Awards for Laity

Joan Bachmeier, Rose Comp and Angela Weber

St. Cecilia Award for Clergy

Fr. Brian Lane



Summary of the October 7, 2017 Meeting

National Pastoral Musicians Recognize Music Ministers

On October 7th, the Rapid City Chapter of National Pastoral Musicians held its Fall Meeting at St. Therese of the Little Flower Church in Rapid City. It was a day of singing and celebration.

After a welcome and morning prayer, the members enjoyed a vocal concert. St. Martin Village Singers, St. Therese Choir, St. Rose of Lima Choir, Joyful Sounds Choir of Blessed Sacrament and Chorus Angelorum Choir of Blessed Sacrament charmed the members with a range of musical selections. Colleen Mahrt of St. John the Baptist Parish in Custer, was our first Sage on Stage speaker. She delighted her audience as she talked about her musical journey that took her to many countries as her husband served in the military. Following a "Name that Hymn" exercise, the members enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by Real Fork, a non-profit catering service that "nourishes relationships within our community." St. Rita's Court of the Catholic Daughters served the lunch with efficiency and good humor. After lunch, the Chapter acknowledged members for their service. Recognized for 25 years of

service were Phoebe Lemke, Linda Dahlgren, Jim Keller and Barb Gross. Recognized for 40 years of service were Margaret Lindskov, Carlotta Aberle, Gerilynn Hahne, Colleen Keller, Marlene Biegler, and Sheila Schweitzer. For 50 years of service, Joan Bachmeier was recognized.

Two new awards were introduced this year. Kaleb Wilkening received the Emerging Youth Music Minister Award, and Rob Danielson accepted the Emerging Music Minister Award. Other awardees were: Jessica Hicks, Peggy Langenfeld Award; Joan Bachmeier, Rose Comp, and Angela Weber, St. Cecilia Awards for Laity and Fr. Brian Lane, St. Cecilia Award for Clergy. Fr. Kerry Prendiville spoke eloquently on a pertinent topic as he talked about "Poetry and Sacred Word in Liturgical Music." Fr. Prendiville is the pastor for St. Therese of the Little Flower Parish. The next Rapid City Chapter NPM meeting will be on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at St. Isaac Jogues Church in Rapid City. The day's meeting will feature Maria Munoz and Toni Wilkins on "Successful Approaches to Music Ministry in a Bilingual and Multicultural Environment," Amber Larsen on "Compiling, Formatting, and Publishing Worship Aids with Copyright Permission," and Jackie Schnittgrund on "Demonstrating the New National NPM Website in Real Time." During the business meeting, we will finalize a vote on bilingual songs initially voted on at the October 7th meeting. Based on this final vote, members will be encouraged to



Directors Letter

Dear NPM Members,

A huge “thank you” to **Marlene Biegler** and **Margaret Lindskov** for their tremendous work on our Silent Auction. Thanks to their coordinated effort and your generous contributions and purchases, our NPM chapter has some financial breathing room. Ahhhh. Thank you Marlene and Margaret!!!!

We are extremely excited about our upcoming NPM meeting at St. Isaac Jogues in Rapid City on **Jan. 27**. **Toni Wilkins** and **Maria Munoz** will share their insights during their presentation, “Successful Approaches to Music Ministry in a Bilingual and Multicultural Environment.” Both Toni and Maria are past St. Cecilia recipients and they will bring many worthwhile topics to our attention. Both have been leaders in bringing music ministry in their areas to a higher level of excellence and scope. During the business meeting, we will finalize a vote on **4-5 bilingual songs** that NPM encourages all parishes in the diocese to use in their music liturgies. Jackie Schnittgrund will present, “**Demonstrating the New National NPM Website in Real Time.**” You will discover ways to access video workshops related to singers, cantors, and the aging voices plus guitar, accompanying, and organ techniques. Planning guides for psalms, anthems, and songs will be examined. Essays, resources, and published articles on a variety of topics are available on the website. Our Sage on Stage will be **Barry Furze** from Sturgis. Barry will share strategies from his music ministry that have proven valuable throughout his many years as an organist, director, and leader of music. Many of us need good techniques while compiling and printing worship aids. **Amber Larsen from OLPH will present, “Compiling, Formatting, and Publishing Worship Aids with Copyright Permission.”** Since she prepares these handouts on a regular basis, Amber has discovered many ways that can help you make your worship aids appealing, attractive, and useful. Bearing in mind that copyright permission is of utmost importance, Amber will cover this thoroughly. **Please submit your luncheon reservations to Pat McDowell no later than Jan. 22 patmcdowell44@gmail.com or call (605) 787-0638.**



Please reserve **March 3** for our NPM meeting as Fr. Mark McCormick presentation will be “Prayer

Encounter of Hearing and Seeing the Word of God:

Visio Divina.” There will be **FREE MUSIC** from a reading packet provided by GIA publishing. During the **summer**, we are hoping to join forces with the local chapter of AGO (American Guild of Organists). We have yet to finalize the schedule of events, locale, date, and time but it will involve joining our singing voices with many music ministers from a variety of faith communities as we make a “joyful noise unto the Lord.” Due to a miscalculation on my part, we discovered that our 30th anniversary as an NPM chapter will not occur until 2020. So save your noisemakers and party hats.

We need some person(s) to be in charge of **recruiting** our members. Through our board and the national organization, we have compiled a number of recruitment techniques. We just need a person or team to put these strategies into action. Please call Jackie call at 605-390-7748 if you or your parish music ministers could assist us in this endeavor.

God bless,

Jackie Schnittgrund and Carman Timmerman

Co-Directors, Rapid City NPM Chapter



Rapid City Chapter's First Silent Auction a Success

The Rapid City NPM Chapter was running critically short on funds to support its financial needs; therefore, it was decided to do some sort of fundraising. Marlene Biegler and Margaret Lindskov offered to coordinate a Silent Auction on behalf of the chapter. After some thought and brainstorming, it was decided to do a social media type of fundraiser. As a first-time auction, they moved forward using Facebook as the source of exposure to the Rapid City Diocese. It was revisited once the event had closed.

Both Margaret and Marlene were extremely pleased with the selection. In all, they had thirty-eight contributed items from eighteen donors including generous donations from five of our diocesan priests. When the dollars were totaled, the silent auction generated \$1264.00.

Margaret and Marlene have generously offered to facilitate the Silent Auction again and already have four items donated. Please contact either Margaret or Marlene regarding your contributed auction items (napa_212@yahoo.com or gmalindskov@yahoo.com). Their recommendation is to have the items collected with bid sheets ready and all donations displayed at the NPM Summer 2018 meeting. Bidding would close at the Fall 2018 meeting.

Thank you, Margaret and Marlene. Well done!



Social Media Update – Winter 2018

Carman Timmerman, Co-director Rapid City Chapter

Hello, this update is the first in what we plan as a regular feature of our Rapid City Chapter newsletter. As warranted, I'll provide an update on our chapter and/or national association website(s) and our chapter Facebook page plus any other NPM social media news as it pops up. **Social Media** - So, what do we mean by *social media*? According to Merriam-Webster, "*social media* are forms of electronic communication (such as websites for social networking and microblogging) through which users create online communities to share information, ideas, personal messages, and other content (such as videos)." That brings us back to our chapter and/or national association website(s) and our chapter Facebook page as well as our newsletter (since the newsletter is produced as hardcopy and electronically on our website). I thought you might be interested in our own behind-the-scenes social gurus – check them out.

Website (npmrc.org) - Eric Helgeson, a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish and meteorologist for the U.S. National Weather Service, keeps our website running and updated.

Facebook (National Association of Pastoral Musicians Rapid City Chapter) - Jessica Hicks, a member of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish and occupational therapist for the Rapid City area schools, maintains and informs our Facebook page. **Newsletter (mailed to members and linked on our website)** - Marti Nesland, a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish and former special education teacher, develops our chapter newsletter.

We appreciate and value the contributions that Eric, Jessica, and Marti make to communicate with the NPM Rapid City Chapter members so that we may enrich our parishes' music liturgy.

NPM National Survey of Chapter Websites and Facebook Pages Survey

In the summer of 2017 Peter Brockmann, member of the NPM National Committee for Chapters, sent NPM Chapters the findings of surveys he had done of chapter websites and Facebook pages. Peter noted that our website was "doing well," and he had some suggestions for improving links. Regarding the Rapid City Chapter Facebook page, Peter reported that our page was "impressive," and he suggested some strategies for engaging Facebook followers.

Local Survey of Chapter Websites Content

After reading Peter Brockmann's analysis, I was curious to see how we could improve our website. So, I conducted my own survey of NPM chapter websites to see what was out there, and what we might use to improve our Rapid City Chapter website.

Thirty-five chapters are listed as having websites with 33 of these sites being active. For these active chapters, I recorded the links on chapter website, ranking them by frequency of appearance. Here are the top six: news / events (24), home (23), membership / join us (21), about (us) / contact (us) (18), resources / forms (13) and leadership / chapter officers / governance (13). Of note, the Rapid City Chapter website contains all of these links with the exception of "membership / join us." Based on these findings, we will be looking at our current website content for ways to improve our content and make it appealing to you and interested others. If you're interested in looking at the local survey of chapter websites content in its entirety, just email me (carmantimmerman@gmail.com), and I'll send you the survey.

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